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## Secretary of State Bowen Announces Certified List of 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District Candidates

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced the certified list of candidates who will appear on the March 25 Special Primary Election ballot for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District. The candidates and their official ballot designations are:

- Ameenah Fuller (Party Preference: Democratic) Government Consultant
- Ronald J. O'Donnell (Party Preference: Democratic) Educator/Author
- Mike Morrell (Party Preference: Republican) Business Owner/Assemblymember
- Crystal Ruiz (Party Preference: Republican) Mayor Pro Tem
- Jeff Hewitt (Party Preference: Libertarian) Councilman/Business Owner

The Senate District 23 special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Bill Emmerson.

In a special primary, if one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast (50 percent plus one), no additional election is necessary. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a runoff election will be held on June 3, with a ballot featuring the two candidates who received the most votes in the primary, regardless of party preference.

The official certified list of candidates with contact information is at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/special-elections/2014-sd23/certified-list.pdf.

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